

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on March 14, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 219, 2/28/2017; SB 302, 2/28/2017; SB 291, 2/28/2017
SB 216, 3/8/2017
Executive Action: HB 564, SB 58, SB 184, SB 264

HEARING ON SB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:20 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 216, Exempt health savings accounts from claims.

Proponents:

00:02:43 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting.
00:10:39 Bill Warden, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)
00:11:20 Kathryn Burton, NAIFA
00:14:00 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
00:16:10 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:28 Steve Austin, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(buh53a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:19:41 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:43 Rep. Olsen
00:27:25 Sen. Thomas
00:27:47 Rep. Curdy
00:28:21 Al Smith, MTLA
00:28:38 Rep. Ricci
00:29:05 Steve Austin, DOR
00:29:51 Rep. Curtis
00:33:37 Kathryn Burton, NAIFA
00:34:17 Chair Noland
00:34:39 Kathryn Burton, NAIFA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:50 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SB 219

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:27 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 219, Revise laws related to exemptions for certain divisions of lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:25 Jim Anderson, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

[EXHIBIT\(buh53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh53a03\)](#)

00:47:27 Stewart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:32 Rep. Loge
00:49:02 Jim Anderson, MAR
00:50:06 Rep. Olsen
00:50:30 Jim Anderson, MAR
00:50:44 Rep. Ricci
00:51:28 Jim Anderson, MAR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:49 Sen. Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 302

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:37 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 302, Allow certain gambling with cash or check.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:49 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:55:17 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)
00:55:59 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association
00:56:55 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:46 Sen. Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:40 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 291, Revise lien filings for certain ambulance bills.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:23 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
01:06:28 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:08:03 Scott Boulanger, Montana Air Ambulance Coalition

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:32 Rep. Curdy
01:10:57 Sen. Facey
01:11:20 Rep. Ricci
01:11:58 Sen. Facey
01:12:11 Rep. Vinton
01:14:23 Al Smith, MTLA
01:14:47 Chair Noland
01:15:12 Scott Boulanger, Montana Air Ambulance Coalition
01:16:17 Rep. Ricci
01:17:46 Scott Boulanger, Montana Air Ambulance Coalition
01:18:34 Rep. Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:14 Sen. Facey

[EXHIBIT\(buh53a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh53a05\)](#)

01:23:16 Chair Noland

01:24:43 Recessed

01:56:58 Reconvened with Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Windy Boy excused..

01:57:06 Chair Noland

01:58:13 Rep. Curtis

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 564

02:02:33 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 564 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:02:55 Rep. Vinton

02:03:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58

02:03:59 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 58 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:04:20 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 58 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(buh53a06\)](#)

Discussion:

02:04:47 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:05:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

02:05:51 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 58 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:06:04 Rep. Curtis

02:06:24 Rep. Vinton

02:06:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. Ehli will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 184

02:07:49 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 184 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:08:10 Rep. Curtis

02:08:33 Rep. Funk

02:09:09 Rep. Olsen

02:09:39 Chair Noland

02:10:16 Rep. Rosendale

02:10:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. Ricci will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 264

02:12:01 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 264 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:12:23 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

02:13:35 Rep. Curdy

02:15:09 Rep. Ricci

02:16:02 Rep. Trebas

02:16:38 Rep. Olsen

02:18:01 Chair Noland

02:19:06 Rep. Loge

02:19:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. Rosendale will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:21:46

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh53aad.pdf](#))